UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

NICHOLAS SEALS,

Plaintiff, CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-cv-15054

v. DISTRICT JUDGE VICTORIA A. ROBERTS

DEBRA SCUTT, et al., MAGISTRATE JUDGE MONA K. MAJZOUB

Defendants.

OPINION AND ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT STEVENSON'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO TAKE PLAINTIFF'S DEPOSITION [91]

This is a prisoner civil rights complaint brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Before the Court is Defendant Vernon Stevenson, M.D.'s Motion for Leave to Take Deposition of Incarcerated Plaintiff. (Docket no. 91.) Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(a)(2)(B), a party must obtain leave of court to take the deposition of a person confined in prison. Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a)(2)(b). The court must grant leave to the extent consistent with Rule 26(b)(1) and (2). *Id.* Defendant Stevenson asserts that the taking of Plaintiff's deposition is essential to the preparation of a defense in this case. The Court agrees. Accordingly, Defendant Stevenson's Motion for Leave to Take Deposition of Incarcerated Plaintiff (docket no. 91) is GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

NOTICE TO THE PARTIES

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(a), the parties have a period of fourteen days from the date of this Order within which to file any written appeal to the District Judge as may be permissible under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

Dated: April 18, 2016 s/ Mona K. Majzoub

MONA K. MAJZOUB UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this Order was served upon Plaintiff Nicholas Seals and counsel of record on this date.

Dated: April 18, 2016 <u>s/ Lisa C. Bartlett</u>

Case Manager